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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE

REF: A) GENEVA 823; B) GENEVA 866; C) SANTIAGO 615;

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FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER

1. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN GENEVA
866. YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
AND STATE THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA HAVE BEEN IN
GOOD WORKING CONTACT ALONG LINES WHICH HE HAD URGED
(SANTIAGO 615) AND WE BELIEVE THERE IS NOW GOOD OPPORTUNITY
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO PRODUCE RESOLUTION AND
RECOMMENDATION WHICH SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR GOC. TO DO SO
WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WESTERN EUROPEANS AND LATIN
AMERICANS AND OTHER MODERATE MEMBERS OF COMMISSION GET AN
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EARLY MOMENTUM BEHIND AN AGREED TEXT. THE BRITISH HAVE

SHOWN US A PROPOSAL (GENEVA 823) WHICH INVOLVES A SMALL STUDY GROUP HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND INCLUDING SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SELECTED BY HIM. SINCE WE BELIEVE IT INEVITABLE THAT HRC WILL FEEL OBLIGED, IN WAKE OF GA RESOLUTION 3219 (XXIX) TO CREATE SOME FORM OF STUDY MISSION WE THINK THAT BRITISH PROPOSAL HAS BEST POSSIBILITY OF RESULTING IN AN OBJECTIVE MISSION, PARTICULARLY IF RESOLUTION CREATING IT CAN BE KEPT IN NON-PREJUDICIAL CONTEXT. YOU SHOULD LEAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT USG SEES IT AS IN ITS INTEREST TO VOTE FOR UK RES.

OR SOMETHING VERY CLOSE, AND THAT WE WOULD HOPE TO GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THEREON WITH CHILE.

2. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT US PREPARED TO WORK WITH BRITISH AND OTHER MODERATE MEMBERS OF HRC TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE AND THAT WE BELIEVE PROMPT ACTION IN THIS DIRECTION PROVIDES BEST POSSIBILITY FOR ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME. FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD URGE THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO REACH A PROMPT AND A POSITIVE POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE BRITISH PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT YOU WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE GOC REACTION BUT THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS FOR AMBASSADOR DIEZ IN GENEVA TO BE ABLE TO GIVE OUR DELEGATION AND OTHERS THE CHILEAN REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE CHANCES FOR HEADING OFF KNOWN SOVIET OBJECTIVES WILL BE ENHANCED.

3. FYI: WE RECOGNIZE THERE ARE SOME PARTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION CHILEANS MAY FIND UNPALATABLE AND WANT TO CHANGE, NOTABLY FINAL TWO PREAMBULAR PARAS: QUOTE: HAVING STUDIED THE INFORMATION AND REPORTS SUBMITTED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT AS WELL AS OTHER SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE; DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WERE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE COMMISSION AND CONVINCED THAT THE ACTUAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE NEED TO BE REVIEWED; UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU DO NOT INITIATE DISCUSSION OF OR RESPOND IN DEFINITE TERMS ON

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TEXTUAL DETAILS AT THIS TIME. RATHER YOU SHOULD CONFINE YOURSELF TO ENCOURAGING PROMPT AND CONSTRUCTIVE GOC RESPONSES, IMPLYING THAT US WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THAT RESPONSE BUT AT NO TIME COMMITTING US TO SUPPORT EVERY ASPECT OF GOC POSITION OR LEAVING ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT REASONABLE RESOLUTION CREATING STUDY COMMISSION EVEN IF IT HAD SOME ELEMENTS GOC DID NOT LIKE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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